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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT: Klaus Barbie Investigation (U)

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1. [] DO/IMS/FPLG [] and []
[] OEXA/LLD, accompanied me to a meeting with Bernie Raimo, a staff attorney to the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI) on 11 May 1983 at HPSCI. Mr. Raimo requested the meeting as part of HPSCI's investigation into alleged U.S. Government assistance to, or involvement with, Klaus Barbie. Both Mr. Raimo and I spoke with Mr. Allen Ryan, Jr., Department of Justice, Office of Special Investigations, prior to our meeting. Ryan was thus both aware of our meeting and had a general idea about what Mr. Raimo planned to cover at the meeting. (C)

2. I suggested to Mr. Raimo that [] [] accompany me to the meeting because she is knowledgeable about both Directorate of Operations record systems and the contents of the records Mr. Ryan has reviewed thus far. Although we carried the Agency's personality file on Klaus Barbie (3 volumes) with us to the meeting and reviewed portions of it for Mr. Raimo, he did not care to read it himself. I made Mr. Ryan's request letters available to Mr. Raimo for his perusal and explained that Barbie's file, plus all other files that Mr. Ryan has reviewed thus far, were available to Mr. Raimo and other HPSCI staffers involved in the Barbie investigation should they wish to come out to the Agency to review them. (S)

3. Mr. Raimo's questioning was not focused. As a result, the meeting rambled and little information was, in reality, exchanged. In general, the meeting proceeded as follows:

- Mr. Raimo noted that he has already met with Ryan regarding the Barbie investigation. The focus of that meeting appears to have been the U.S. military's files.
- Mr. Raimo asked us to tell him what the Agency knew, or knows, about Klaus Barbie. Before we could respond he asked if all of

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Barbie's aliases had been searched. [] and I responded that all known aliases have been searched.

- He then asked [] to explain how our records are searched. She did, and I added that we have also queried individuals (employees) who may have some recollection, whether or not substantive, of U.S. operations in Germany during that period. [] noted that one such individual was able to explain our past use of the acronym DAD to Ryan.
- Mr. Raimo asked when the CIA opened a file on Mr. Barbie. [] responded that it was opened in 1952, and that a consolidation of records on Barbie took place again in 1965.
- In response to Mr. Raimo's earlier question regarding what the CIA knows about Barbie, [] stated that our records indicate that Barbie was an asset of the 66th CIC (Army). She said that there is no indication that CIA ran Barbie at all. [] went on to explain that in 1967 ACSI asked CIA to coordinate on a proposal by ACSI to contact Barbie, then in Bolivia, and use him as a source. CIA responded that ACSI should look into the issue of proposed U.S. Government use of Barbie carefully because of his past criminal record and that he should be used as a source only if he could provide some unique information.
- I then mentioned that Mr. Ryan, after returning from La Paz, had asked to and had spoken with, []
- Mr. Raimo asked if our records show that CIA knew that the Army was sending Barbie to Bolivia. [] responded that our records indicate that we did not know Army was resettling Barbie in Bolivia.
- Mr. Raimo was puzzled about why CIA had any pre-1967 (the date of the above mentioned ACSI request) records on Barbie. [] explained that the pre-1967 records consist, in general terms, of name traces on other individuals in which Barbie's name appears,

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a record of Barbie's arrest, and information which CIA analysts compiled from SHAFE records. We stated that it does not appear from our records that CIA purposefully collected information on Klaus Barbie during the 1940's and 1950's.

-- Mr. Raimo asked when the CIA first knew that Klaus Barbie was a war criminal. [

] responded that the records do not indicate any explicit recognition or knowledge of his war crimes until a 1965 Department of Army request for an inter-agency name trace on Barbie.

-- In response to a question from Mr. Raimo, [attempted to clarify for him why and how CIA kept SHAFE cards. It was not clear whether or not he was satisfied by the explanation.

-- Mr. Raimo asked [] to characterize the relationship between CIA and Army Intelligence during the period 1947-1951. [] explained that Army was certainly the one with the money and infrastructure at that time and that CIA was comparatively poorly funded and staffed. While Army and CIA coordinated with each other from time to time during that period, in the main they ran their own operations and had their own sources. (S)

4. At the completion of Mr. Raimo's questions, [] asked him what the end result of the HPSCI's investigation would be. He said that he did not know. He stated that although he has spoken with Allan Ryan, DoJ/OSI, as of yet there has been no HPSCI coordination with the Judiciary Committee on the Barbie investigation. Mr. Raimo said that HPSCI's main interest was discovering whether or not there had been any relationship between Klaus Barbie and any of the intelligence agencies. (U)

5. As we left, I reiterated to Mr. Raimo that he and other HPSCI staffers working on the Klaus Barbie investigation were welcome to come out to Headquarters to review Barbie's personality file and any other files that have been made available to Mr. Ryan. (S)